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Meeting for December 5, 2021 at 9:00am held at via Zoom by President John Kellstrand

Past Monthly Minutes can be found on our website, MASPORTSMEN.ORG,

CTO 9:08am

Quorum present

Moment of Silence for Tom Moss of Beach Buggies passed away (no relation to Mike), Mark Blazis an outdoor writer from Central MA passed away.

Presidents Comments: Joel Larson and Mike Roach up for reappointment. Please write to the Governor. Joel Larson (Chair) Mike Roach (V Chair), Bonnie Booth (Secretary). Rumors about replacing members of the board. This needs to be watched. James Wilkins of western MA spoke to board that not enough emphasis is given to Grouse and Trout and the hatcheries have issues. Next Board meeting is 12/14 at 9am via Zoom. Annual Report filed with Secretary of State. Henry Rifles purchased for the Super Raffle. EPO's reported numerous problem animal reports and hunter harassment complaints. One hunter death from falling out his tree stand.

Communications: Kyle Rittenhouse verdict causing news media to go crazy. Facts or the law doesn't matter, lets make up something., Background Checks during Thanksgiving Week hit 687.788 with 187,585 on Black Friday alone., NBC News demonstrates you have to be cautious when talking to the media. After NBC researcher spoke to YouTube providers he reported them for being out of compliance with YouTube policy., NSSF gave info on providing firearms as a gift this Holiday season. Elmer Fudd's shotgun and Yosemite Sam's pistols being removed from the cartoon reboot on HBO Max.,

MCA: meeting was scheduled, waiting on a link. John, Mike or Peter have not heard any detail as of 11am on 12/5.

Legislative: The House and Senate are In informal session until January.

Hunter Ed: No information / updates.

Ware River and Quabbin: Meetings are scheduled in the next week

Marine Fisheries: Commercial regulation updates for 2022. Outflow change in the canal has had comments in both negative and positive.

Deer / Bear Damage Report: No updates. Secretary Bernard tried to contact one of the farms that reported problems about hunting there and received no response.

Forest & Parks: First Day Hikes. On January 1 there is a US event to get people out and walk. Seven parks have events in the Commonwealth on 1/1/22.

New Business: From Fisheries & Wildlife - The new MASSFISHHUNT is online to buy your licenses. MassWildlife staff recently installed a falcon nesting box at 120 Front Street, hoping that the current peregrine pair will use the box next spring. John Scanlon, former MassWildlife Habitat Program Manager, was the recipient of the Massachusetts Forest Alliance's Lambert Award in October. Problems on the Crane Reservation with none hunters on the property. Reminder that your deer must be visible until it is checked in.

Shows Springfield Booth 536, We are ready for all shows. We will have firearms to show at the booths. At the shows we will have a reel raffle that purchasers will be entered for purchase of 2 books of Super Raffle Tickets.

It looks like the Dudley Gendron Post is booked when we are trying to have our banquet. Checking into the new Tuttle Post. The caterer costs have gone up a few dollars. The date may have to be changed.

Super Raffle 2022: Nothing from Norfolk or Berkshire Counties for a donation.

Adjourn: 11:26 am

Next Meeting: January 9, 2022